



STINGER FOOTBALL

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MIKE BERTONE NAMED FOOTBALL ALL-CANADIAN

Concordia's Mike Bertone has been named to the CIAU All-Canadian football team for 1987. He was honored, along with 23 of the country's top college stars, Friday at the Vanier Cup All-Canadian luncheon.

Bertone, an offensive guard, capped off a banner season in which he was selected the O.Q.I.F.C.'s outstanding offensive lineman. The 23 year old came into his own in 1987 after being a mid round draft selection in the 1987 C.F.L. college draft. Bertone had not previously been named to a O.Q.I.F.C. All-Star team.

Bertone carries 265 pounds on a 6'2" frame and is a sure bet to play in the C.F.L. next year. The big offensive lineman has been nominated to play in the 1987 East-West Shrine Bowl in Palo Alto, California, during the Christmas holidays.

Bertone played 5 years with the football team and continued Concordia's tradition of possessing the top offensive lineman in the country. Bertone filled a huge void on the offensive line left by the graduations of Calgary Stampeders Rocco Romano in 1986 and Ottawa Rough Riders Nick Benjamin in 1985.

"Bertone really matured as an athlete this season," states Stinger Coach Skip Rochette. "His leadership qualities improved a great deal this year."

Bertone will be missed next season, however, look for the Stingers to challenge for the O-QIFC football title in 1988.

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